

# On $\psi$ -Appell polynomials and $Q(\partial_\psi)$ -difference calculus nonhomogeneous equation

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## Abstract

One discovers why Morgan Ward solution [1] of  $\psi$ - *difference calculus* nonhomogeneous equation  $\Delta_\psi f = \varphi$  in the form

$$f(x) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{B_n}{n_\psi!} \varphi^{(n-1)}(x) + \int_\psi \varphi(x) + p(x)$$

recently proposed by the present author (see-below) - extends here now to  $\psi$ - Appell polynomials case - almost *automatically*. The reason for that is just proper framework i.e. that of the  $\psi$ -*Extended Finite Operator Calculus* (**EFOC**) recently being developed and promoted by the present author [2, 3, 4, 5]. Illustrative specifications to  $q$ -calculus case and Fibonomial calculus case [5, 6] were already made explicit in [8] due to the of upside down convenient notation for objects of **EFOC** as to be compared with functional formulation [9].

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# 1 Remark on references usage and the "upside down" notation .

At first let us make a remark on notation.  $\psi$  is a number or functions' sequence - sequence of functions of a parameter  $q$ .  $\psi$  denotes an extension of  $\langle \frac{1}{n!} \rangle_{n \geq 0}$  sequence to quite arbitrary one (the so called - "admissible" [2-5]). The specific choices are for example : Fibonomialy-extended sequence  $\langle \frac{1}{F_n!} \rangle_{n \geq 0}$  ( $\langle F_n \rangle$  - Fibonacci sequence ) or just "the usual"  $\psi$ -sequence  $\langle \frac{1}{n!} \rangle_{n \geq 0}$  or Gauss  $q$ -extended  $\langle \frac{1}{n_q!} \rangle_{n \geq 0}$  admissible sequence of extended umbral operator calculus, where  $n_q = \frac{1-q^n}{1-q}$  and  $n_q! = n_q(n-1)_q!, 0_q! = 1$ .

The simplicity of calculations is being achieved due to writing objects of these extensions in mnemonic convenient **upside down notation** [2] , [5]

$$\frac{\psi_{(n-1)}}{\psi_n} \equiv n_\psi, n_\psi! = n_\psi(n-1)_\psi!, n > 0, x_\psi \equiv \frac{\psi(x-1)}{\psi(x)}, \quad (1)$$

$$x_\psi^k = x_\psi(x-1)_\psi(x-2)_\psi \dots (x-k+1)_\psi \quad (2)$$

$$x_\psi(x-1)_\psi \dots (x-k+1)_\psi = \frac{\psi(x-1)\psi(x-2)\dots\psi(x-k)}{\psi(x)\psi(x-1)\dots\psi(x-k+1)}. \quad (3)$$

If one writes the above in the form  $x_\psi \equiv \frac{\psi(x-1)}{\psi(x)} \equiv \Phi(x) \equiv \Phi_x \equiv x_\Phi$  , one sees that the name upside down notation is legitimate.

As for references - the papers of main references are: [1, 2, 3]. Consequently we shall then take here notation from [2, 3] and the results from [1] as well as from [2, 3]- for granted. For other references see: [2, 3, 5] (Note the access via ArXiv to [3, 5]).

$A_n$  denotes here  $\psi$ - *Appell-Ward numbers* - introduced below.

## 2 $Q(\partial_\psi)$ - difference nonhomogeneous equation

Let us recall [3, 2] the simple fact.

**Proposition 2.1.**  $Q(\partial_\psi)$  is a  $\psi$ - delta operator iff there exists invertible  $S \in \Sigma_\psi$  such that  $Q(\partial_\psi) = \partial_\psi S$ .

Formally: " $S = Q/\partial_\psi$ " or " $S^{-1} = \partial_\psi/Q$ ". In the sequel we use this abbreviation  $Q(\partial_\psi) \equiv Q$ .

$\psi$ - Appell or generalized Appell polynomials  $\{A_n(x)\}_{n \geq 0}$  are defined according to

$$\partial_\psi A_n(x) = n_\psi A_{n-1}(x) \quad (4)$$

and they naturally do satisfy the  $\psi$  - Sheffer-Appell identity [3, 2]

$$A_n(x + {}_\psi y) = \sum_{s=0}^n \binom{n}{s}_\psi A_s(y) x^{n-s}. \quad (5)$$

$\psi$ -Appell or generalized Appell polynomials  $\{A_n(x)\}_{n \geq 0}$  are equivalently characterized via their  $\psi$ - exponential generating function

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} z^n \frac{A_n(x)}{n_\psi!} = A(z) \exp_\psi \{xz\}, \quad (6)$$

where  $A(z)$  is a formal series with constant term different from zero - here normalized to one.

The  $\psi$ - exponential function of  $\psi$ -Appell-Ward numbers  $A_n = A_n(0)$  is

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} z^n \frac{A_n}{n_\psi!} = A(z). \quad (7)$$

Naturally  $\psi$ - Appell  $\{A_n(x)\}_{n \geq 0}$  satisfy the  $\psi$ - difference equation

$$QA_n(x) = n_\psi x^{n-1}; \quad 'n \geq 0, \quad (8)$$

because  $QA_n(x) = QS^{-1}x^n = Q(\partial_\psi/Q)x^n = \partial_\psi x^n = n_\psi x^{n-1}; n \geq 0$ . Therefore they play the same role in  $Q(\partial_\psi)$ - difference calculus as Bernoulli polynomials do in standard difference calculus or  $\psi$ -Bernoulli-Ward polynomials (see Theorem 16.1 in [1] and consult also [8]) in  $\psi$ -difference calculus due to the following: The central problem of the  $Q(\partial_\psi)$  - difference calculus is:

$$Q(\partial_\psi)f = \varphi \quad \varphi = ?,$$

where  $f, \varphi$  - are for example formal series or polynomials.

The idea of finding solutions is the  $\psi$ -Finite Operator Calculus [2, 3, 4, 5] standard. As we know (Proposition 2.1, see [2, 3]) any  $\psi$ - delta operator  $Q$  is of the form  $Q(\partial_\psi) = \partial_\psi S$  where  $S \in \Sigma_\psi$ . Let  $Q(\partial_\psi) = \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{q_k}{k_\psi!} \partial_\psi^k$ ,  $q_1 \neq 0$ .

Consider then  $Q(\partial_\psi = \partial_\psi S)$  with  $S = \sum_{k \geq 0} \frac{q_{k+1}}{(k+1)_\psi!} \partial_\psi^k \equiv \sum_{k \geq 0} \frac{s_k}{k_\psi!} \partial_\psi^k$ ;  $s_0 = q_1 \neq 0$ . We have for  $S^{-1} \equiv \hat{A}$  - call it:  $\psi$ - *Appell operator* - the obvious expression

$$\hat{A} \equiv S^{-1} = \frac{\partial_\psi}{Q_\psi} = \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{A_n}{n_\psi!} \partial_\psi^n.$$

Now multiply the equation  $Q(\partial_\psi f = \varphi)$  by  $\hat{A} \equiv \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{A_n}{n_\psi!} \partial_\psi^n$  thus getting

$$\partial_\psi f = \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{A_n}{n_\psi!} \varphi^{(n)}, \quad \varphi^{(n)} = \partial_\psi \varphi^{(n-1)}. \quad (9)$$

The solution then reads:

$$f(x) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{A_n}{n_\psi!} \varphi^{(n-1)}(x) + \int_\psi \varphi(x) + p(x), \quad (10)$$

where  $p$  is " $Q(\partial_\psi)$ - periodic" i.e.  $Q(\partial_\psi)p = 0$ . Compare with [8] for " $+_\psi 1$ -periodic" i.e.  $p(x +_\psi 1) = p(x)$  i.e.  $\Delta_\psi p = 0$ . Here the relevant  $\psi$  - integration  $\int_\psi \varphi(x)$  is defined as in [2]. We recall it in brief. Let us introduce the following representation for  $\partial_\psi$  "difference-ization"

$$\partial_\psi = \hat{n}_\psi \partial_0; \quad \hat{n}_\psi x^{n-1} = n_\psi x^{n-1}; \quad n \geq 1,$$

where  $\partial_0 x^n = x^{n-1}$  i.e.  $\partial_0$  is the  $q = 0$  Jackson derivative.  $\partial_0$  is identical with divided difference operator. Then we define the linear mapping  $\int_\psi$  accordingly:

$$\int_\psi x^n = \left( \hat{x} \frac{1}{\hat{n}_\psi} \right) x^n = \frac{1}{(n+1)_\psi} x^{n+1}; \quad n \geq 0$$

where of course  $\partial_\psi \circ \int_\psi = id$ .

### 3 Examples

- (a) The case of  $\psi$ - *Bernoulli-Ward* polynomials and  $\Delta_\psi$ - *difference calculus* was considered in detail in [8] following [1].
- (b) Specification of (a) to the Gauss and Heine originating  $q$ -umbral calculus case [1, 2, 3, 4, 5] was already presented in [8].

- (c) Specification of (a) to the Lucas originating FFOC - case was also presented in [8] (here: FFOC=**F**ibonomial **F**inite **O**perator **C**alculus), see example 2.1 in [5]). Recall: the *Fibonomial coefficients* (known to Lucas) ( $F_n$ - *Fibonacci numbers*) are defined as

$$\binom{n}{k}_F = \frac{F_n!}{F_k!F_{n-k}!} = \binom{n}{n-k}_F,$$

where in up-side down notation:  $n_F \equiv F_n \neq 0$ ,  
 $n_F! = n_F(n-1)_F(n-2)_F(n-3)_F \dots 2_F 1_F$ ;  $0_F! = 1$ ;  
 $n_F^k = n_F(n-1)_F \dots (n-k+1)_F$ ;  $\binom{n}{k}_F \equiv \frac{n_F^k}{k_F!}$ . We shall call the corresponding linear difference operator  $\partial_F$ ;  $\partial_F x^n = n_F x^{n-1}$ ;  $n \geq 0$  the  $F$ -derivative. Then in conformity with [1] and with notation as in [2]-[6] one has:

$$E^a(\partial_F) = \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{a^n}{n_F!} \partial_F^n$$

for the corresponding generalized translation operator  $E^a(\partial_F)$ . The  $\psi$ -integration becomes now still not explored  $F$ - integration and we arrive at the  $F$ - Bernoulli polynomials unknown till now.

**Note:** recently a combinatorial interpretation of Fibonomial coefficient has been found [6, 7] by the present author.

- (d) The other examples of  $Q(\partial_\psi)$ - *difference calculus* - expected naturally to be of primary importance in applications (for inspiration see [1] and [9]- functional formulation) are provided by the possible use of such  $\psi$ -Appell polynomials as:

- $\psi$ -Hermite polynomials  $\{H_{n,\psi}\}_{n \geq 0}$ :

$$H_{n,\psi}(x) = \left[ \sum_{k \geq 0} \left( -\frac{1}{2} \right)^k \frac{\partial_\psi^{2k}}{k_\psi!} \right] x^n \quad n \geq 0;$$

- $\psi$  - Laguerre polynomials  $\{L_{n,\psi}\}_{n \geq 0}$  [3]:

$$\begin{aligned}
L_{n,\psi}(x) &= \frac{n_\psi}{n} \hat{x}_\psi \left[ \frac{1}{\partial_\psi - 1} \right]^{-n} x^{n-1} = \frac{n_\psi}{n} \hat{x}_\psi (\partial_\psi - 1)^n x^{n-1} = \\
&= \frac{n_\psi}{n} \hat{x}_\psi \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^k \binom{n}{k} \partial_\psi^{n-k} x^{n-1} = \\
&= \frac{n_\psi}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^k \binom{n}{k} (n-1)_\psi^{n-k} \frac{k}{k_\psi} x^k.
\end{aligned}$$

For  $q = 1$  in  $q$ -extended case [9] one recovers the known formula :

$$L_{n,q=1}(x) = \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^k \frac{n!}{k!} \binom{n-1}{k-1} x^k.$$

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